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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

BETHANY CHURCH,

ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA,

September 16, 17 and 18, 1884.

OFFICERS:

ELD. BAILY BRUCE.....Moderator.....Brandon Station, Ala.
T. N. APPLETON..... Clerk.... .....Collinsville, Ala.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Letters from the Churches.
2. Reading Constitution By-Laws, and Articles of Faith.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Invite visiting Ministers and Brethren to seats.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Call for Correspondence.
7. Appoint Committees.
8. Fix the time and place for holding the next meeting.
9. Reports of Committees.
10. Reports of Special Committees.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Read and correct the Minutes.
13. Read and correct Roll of Members.
14. Fix the order of Pri ting and distributing the Minutes.

STANDING RESOLUTION:

That any member of this body presenting a copy of these Minutes to any Association with whom we correspond, will be considered a Messenger by us.

MINUTES.

The Association met with Bethany Church, Etowah county September 16th, 1884.

Introductory sermon by Elder W. J. Hodgens. Text, John 15: 1, 2.

After dinner the Association was organized by reading the 90th Psalm. Prayer by the Moderator.

Appointed L. C. Coulson and B. F. Bartles to read the letters from the churches.

Read the Constitution, By-Laws, and Articles of Faith.

Received Shady Grove, Harmony and Shiloh as newly constituted churches.

Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats. Brethren B. F. Bartles, A. N. Montgomery, —— Rawls, present.

Elected Elder Bailey Bruce, Moderator, and T. N. Appleton, Clerk. Brother Bruce accepted with a few feeling remarks.

Appointed John Pitts, W. H. Wood, John Stowers, H. M. Brock and J. B. Gilliand Devotional Committee.

Finance—C. C. Davis, W. H. Wood and A. B. Tidmore.

Received Elder L. C. Coulson, messenger from Tennessee River Association.

Received Elder H. E. Harris, from Cahaba Valley Association.

Received Elders M. A. Cornelius and J. F. Edens, from Cedar Bluff.

From Warrior River, G. B. Wade.

Enrolled delegates' names:

Ebenezer—T. B. Garret.
Little River—J. C. Crow, J. F. Casey.
Unity—John Pitts.
Gravel Hill—Bailey Bruce, C. C. Davis.
Flat Rock—J. G. Denton, P. C. Chitwood.
Harmony Grove—J. A. Roberts.
Mount Vernon—W. C. Lovelace, Jas. Lackey, A. A. Jolly.
Pleasant Grove—J. B. Appleton, T. N. Appleton.
Black Creek—N. F. Adams, G. J. Gray, E. S. Brock.
Liberty Hill—A. B. Tidmore, W. H. Wood.
Fair View—H. R. Culberson, F. M. Sauls, J. B. Brown, J. M. Sitzs.

Mount Carmel—V. H. Dean, J. M. Patrick, J. H. Sitzs.
Pleasant Valley, No. 1—E. J. Carlisle, T. May.
Pleasant Valley, No. 2—J. E. Smith. E. J. Bobo.
Bethany—J. R. Gilliand, H. M. Brock, A. J. Sitzs.
Providence—W. N. Hammack, J. B. Darlymple.
Union—J. A. Reeves, J. Stowers, Levi Stephens, J. Edwards, D. M. Reeves.
Kinkia—M. F. Scott, J. S. Horton, S. T. Cochran.
Cave Springs—L. M. Rickels, N. O. Nasburn.
Macedonia—E. P. Burroughs, W. A. Johnson, J. C. Martin.
New Canaan—T. P. Gallaway, P. J. Smith, J. E. Rodgers.
New Harmony—W. J. Hodgens.
Mount Pleasant—Robert Upton, Wm. Wilbanks.
Beulah—J. H. Taylor.
Holly Springs—Thos. Cox, Wm. Jones.
Antioch—No delegates.
Shady Grove—G. N. Cleland, H. S. Davis.
Harmony—T. Estes.
Shiloh—A. C. Dickson.

Adjourned to 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning.
Prayer by Elder L. C. Coulson.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8:30 o'clock.

Read a part of the 3rd chapter of Colossians.
Prayer by Elder E. P. Burroughs.
Called the roll.
Read and approved the minutes of yesterday.
Appointed committees:

On Education—J. B. Appleton, W. H. Wood, C. C. Davis.
State Missions—W. J. Hodgens, T. P. Gallaway, J. E. Rodgers.
Foreign Missions—T. N. Appleton, T. W. Petty, A. B. Tidmore.
Sabbath Schools—N. F. Adams, J. W. Lackey, A. A. Jolly.
Temperance—J. G. Denton, P. C. Chitwood, W. H. Wood.
Literature—E. P. Burroughs, J. B. Wilbanks, P. J. Smith.

Agreed to meet with Pleasant Grove Church, in the town of Collinsville, Tuesday before the third Sabbath in September, 1885.

Report on Education read; (amended) urged by able speeches, and adopted (so that it will apply to any school).

Adjourned to 1:30 o'clock.

At 10 o'clock Elder B. F. Bartles preached. Text, Galatians 6: 6.

Eleven o'clock, Elder H. R. Culberson introduced Elder H. E. Harris, who preached the missionary sermon. Text. 1st Corinthians 9: 14.

Public collections $13.75.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 1:30 o'clock.

Regular order suspended to receive the letter and delegates from Providence Church.

Leave of absence granted P. Estes, Thos. Cox, Wm. Jones and T. B. Garret.

Report on State Missions read, ably discussed and adopted as amended, (the word Home to read State), and the report of the missionary appended to the above report.

The Chairman on Foreign Missions not being present Brother N. F. Adams submitted report, which was adopted.

Report on Sabbath Schools read and adopted.

Report on Temperance read, amended by memorial to the General Assembly of the State, and adopted.

Report on Finance adopted.

Adjourned to 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Elder J. B. Appleton.

THURSDAY MORNING, 8:30 o'clock.

Read the 133rd Psalm.

Prayer by H. R. Culberson.

Read and approved the minutes of yesterday.

Appointed C. C. Davis, W. H. Wood and A. B. Tidmore to draft a memorial to the General Assembly of the State as amended by the report on Temperance.

By motion the adoption of the report on Temperance be amended to read, Senators and Representatives of DeKalb, Cherokee and Etowah counties.

Report on Literature read and the claims of *The Alabama Baptist* urged by Brother J. B. Appleton; *The Baptist Reflector*, by Brother Bartles; *The Tennessee Baptist*, by Brother Coulson, and adopted.

Motion to adjourn to 1 o'clock was lost.

Granted leave of absence to Brethren Lackey, Lovelace, and Davis.

The report of the committee to draft memorial to the General Assembly read, and, with amendments, adopted.

Treasurer's report adopted, and he was authorized to pay off the missionary with any funds he may have on hand.

By motion, the present Executive Board be continued next year with the same instructions of last year.

By motion, letters of dismission were granted to Bethany, Fair View, Union, Cave Springs, Mount Carmel and Pleasant Valley No. 1. Churches, at their own request, to form a new Association.

Appointed J. B. Appleton, W. J. Hodgens, A. B. Tidmore, W. H. Wood, C. C. Davis, J. B. Wilbanks and T. N. Appleton delegates to Baptist State Convention.

Appointed J. B. Appleton, C. C. Davis, E. J. Bobo and T. N. Appleton Corresponding Messengers to Cedar Bluff Association.

Tennessee River—E. P. Burroughs, Bailey Bruce, J. G. Denton, P. C. Chitwood and John Pitts.

Coosa Baptist—J. B. Appleton.

Mount Carmel—W. J. Hodgens, J. E. Rodgers and T. P. Gallaway.

Appointed W. H. Wood, P. C. Chitwood, W. N. Hammack to select a brother and alternate to preach introductory and missionary sermons next year.

John B. Appleton, and J. B. Wilbanks, alternate, to preach the introductory. W. J. Hodgens, and J. G. Denton, alternate, the missionary sermon at 11 o'clock on Wednesday.

Allowed the Clerk $8 for his services, the remainder of the minute fund to be applied to the printing and distributing of minutes.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are tendered to the Bethany Church and community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they entertained the delegates and visiting brethren.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are tendered, to our venerable Moderator for the kind and dignified manner in which he has presided during this session.

Resolved, That each church be requested to appoint a committee to collect funds for the various objects fostered by the Association in connection with the State Board, and the donors designate the direction of their donations and said committee report to the Executive Committee of the Association.

And, also, Report on Temperance amended to read as follows:

That the petition recommended in said report be handed Brother Ira R. Foster, Senator elect from Marshall and DeKalb counties, to be carried into effect in concert with the Senator and Representatives from Cherokee and Etowah counties embracing the bounds of the Cherokee Association.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
ETOWAH COUNTY. } The Cherokee Baptist Association

To the General Assembly of the State of Alabama, when convened:

We, your humble petitioners through a committee appointed by the above named body, petition your body to enact, or to amend former enactments in such a manner that the manufacture or sale of ardent spirits within the State, and especially in the counties of DeKalb, Cherokee and Etowah, be more effectually prohibited.

W. H. WOOD, }
C. C. DAVIS, } Committee.
A. B. TIDMORE. }

Signed by order of the Association.

BAILEY BRUCE, Moderator.

T. N. APPLETON, Clerk.

Adjourned to meet with Pleasant Grove Church, in the town of Collinsville, Tuesday before the third Sabbath in September, 1885.

Prayer by the Moderator.

BAILEY BRUCE, Moderator.

T. N. APPLETON, Clerk.

FINANCE REPORT.

Received for minutes	$36 95
Received for missions	29 95
Public collection	13 75
Paid over to Treasurer	$80 65

C. C. DAVIS, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Finance Committee	$ 80 65		
Received from F. M. Sauls	50		
Balance on hand	44 25		
Report of Missionary	25 25	$150 65	
Cash paid Missionary	113 00		
" " Clerk	8 00		
Minutes	28 95	149 95	
Balance			70

STATE MISSIONS.

With the growth at home, as well as abroad, the demand upon us to send out the light of the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus is increasing day by day, month by month, and year by year. The cause of missions is the cause of God; the spirit of missions is the spirit of the Gospel. To fail in this is to fail in the work the Master has called and saved us to perform. We note with pleasure the steady and forward movement of the Mission Board, through their efficient Secretary, Elder T. M. Bailey. We notice in every department of labor committed to their care, and through their efforts and labors the evangelizing of the entire State is being rapidly approximated; many dark corners are being lighted up with the lamp of Truth, many waste places built up, and many weak churches and places relieved and made strong, and the banner of the cross being carried apace with the front guard of the rapid development and upbuilding of our country; some as missionary pastors, with weak churches, located at centers and important points; some as evangelists in associations where evangelistic work is demanded; others in destitute regions; fifteen of them engaged in colportage work in connection with the preaching of the Gospel. In 32 towns and cities, 105 country places, and in 42 of our counties these missionaries preached regularly during the year, nor have their labors been in vain. The organization of 21 churches and the baptism of 262 persons show the divine favor resting upon their labors. In no year has the results of the energies put forth been so grand. We note from the summary of work furnished us by the Board: Number of missionaries, 48; days of actual service, 7,160; sermons delivered, 3,127; churches constituted, 21; baptised 262; baptised by others in connection with the labors of the missionaries, 340. We long to see the time when the Baptists east, west, north and south will unite hand in hand, heart in heart, brethren and sisters realizing, too, individually that we are not our own, but bought with the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, pushing forward this glorious cause throughout the grand old State of Alabama. Then we may look for the cause of the Redeemer to shine forth clear as the sun, bright as the moon and terrible as an army with banners. Would to God our people could realize their duty in this great cause. They have the power and the means, then why the failure? We answer, it is the want of education; therefore, we recommend every pastor to preach two sermons this year to each of his churches. We also recommend the continuance of the plan adopted last session.

We note that the Executive Board of the Association procured the services of Brother John B. Appleton for at least a part of his time, as missionary, whose labors, so far as our information goes, were very successful in building up the waste places and winning souls to Christ, but we refer you to his report.

H. R. CULBERSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF JNO. B. APPLETON, MISSIONARY OF THE CHEROKEE ASSOCIATION, FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1884.

Dear Brethren:

Some time in the month of December, 1883, I was notified by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, that I had been selected to act as Missionary for the ensuing year, to begin operations the 1st of January, 1884; also by the Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board of the same by the Board. At that time I was confined to my room, suffering from the effects of a fall, and with some reluctance accepted. The winter was so severe that I did not enter upon the work until March 1st. Since that time I have been in the field and bestowed such labor as I could, as shown by the following report:

Number of days labored	113
Sermons preached	100
Families visited	104
Churches constituted	3
Lectures and Addresses	41
Baptized	12
Baptized by others with whom I labored	24
Assisted in ordaining one minister and two deacons; organized one Sabbath School; aided in several others; attended several burials.	
Miles traveled	1,265
Received from Pleasant Grove Church	$ 6 75
Received from Mt. Pleasant Church	3 00
Received from Gravel Hill Church	13 00
Individuals	2 50
Aggregating	$25 25

JNO. B. APPLETON, Missionary.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, are at a loss what to write or recommend. No sane mind will deny the importance of securing a liberal education, and your State is endeavoring to place the means at the disposal of all that they may secure at least an English education? But what are we doing as a denomination to aid in ministerial education? The question of theological education and of ministerial supply is the gravest that should now engage our highest thoughts. All around are vacant pulpits, and we know not where to look for occupants. Statistics show the number of young men going forth from undenominational schools all over the land into the work of the ministry to be almost nothing, hardly one in a hundred. And while a limited number of ministers may be sent forth from such schools we would urge this body to aid the Baptist State Convention in her efforts to educate the ministry and defray the expenses of at least one young man preparing for the ministry in Howard College or any other school he might choose.

T. N. APPLETON,
C. C. DAVIS.
Committee.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, having had the same under consideration, are happy to say that we believe that there is considerable growth in this department of the Christian work, but not altogether such as should be. Yet we hope the time not far in the future when there will not be a church in this Association but what will be able to report a good, evergreen Sabbath School; then will the minds of our youths be prepared to receive the seeds of gospel truth, which will make them wise unto salvation through Christ our Saviour. By giving a practical knowledge of God's word, the Sabbath School affords greater facilities for the study of the Scriptures than may be obtained elsewhere. We insist on it, brethren, that we, as a denomination, push forward our energies in this direction, looking forward to a great harvest of souls and peace and prosperity in our churches.

W. J. HODGENS, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

There has been so much written and said on this important subject that we feel it will be, perhaps, but little more on our part, in this report, than a rehearsal of what has already been said or written. Yet when we look around us and see the baleful effects of intoxicating drinks, we feel that something should be done. Scarcely a week passes with most of us but we see or hear of some poor innocent wife and children suffering by the violence of an intoxicated husband, or of men being assassinated while rioting in excessive drunkenness, often leaving innocent afflicted wives and suffering children to plod their way through a cold hearted and relentless world as best they can, while the perpetrators themselves are escaping the justice of the law by fleeing from State to State, only to repeat their diabolical deeds of bloodshed and murder, and entice our boys and young men into their destructive habits, and in the end, oh, wretched thought! to fill the drunkard's grave, and the drunkard's hell. But there is another thought that should prompt every reflecting mind to action; Many of us have daughters who are yet unsettled in life; perhaps a large part of these may be enticed by dram drinkers, (not to say drunkard), and thus become companions of, and consequent sufferers under the tyranny of drunken, relentless husbands. Thus we see our sons and daughters are in continual danger of being ensnared in this destructive trap. In view of all these facts, and other important arguments on this great question, what must be done? Believing the strong arm of legislation can do more for us than we can effect in any way we venture to offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we, as a body, agree to petition the next General Assembly of the State of Alabama, in their enactments to enact or amend former enactments in such a way that the manufacture or sale of ardent spirits in our boundary may be more effectually prohibited.

2. That some suitable members be appointed to draft the aforesaid petition and present it to this body during this session, and, after being signed by the officers, forwarded to the Senators and Representatives in the bounds of the Association.

E. P. BURROUGHS, Chairman.

LITERATURE.

We recommend first the Book of all books, the Bible, which serves as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, leading us to Christ, our precious Savior, and to heaven, our home. We are fearful many precious moments are lost in reading trashy and spurious matter, to the neglect of this precious book; and not only the Sabbath School reading and studying of this book, but many Sabbath mornings and evenings the children might be called around the family

altar and the Word of God read and explained, and impressed upon their young and tender minds, (the first impressions being the most lasting). Oh, how our hearts swell with joy at the remembrance of the many times we were called around the knees of a precious mother of Sabbath mornings and evenings, and the Word of God read and impressed upon our minds! (Thank God for earnest Christian mothers). As to other literature, we recommend, first, *The Alabama Baptist*, our State organ, through which we can reach our brethren all over the State, and exchange our views on all objects fostered by the State Convention; also *The Baptist Reflector*, *Christian Index*, *Ford's Repository*, Orchard's and Benedict's Church Histories, and last, but not least, the time-worn *Tennessee Baptist*, whose noble banner has waved for half a century all over this country, infusing light and truth into the minds of thousands. All the above contain wholesome, sound doctrine.

H. R. Culberson, Chairman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Work in the foreign field is not only a duty incumbent on every Christian church but is also an essential element in maintaining its own spiritual health. Missionary labor has contributed greatly to the well being of the churches at home. The successes in the mission field, partial though they may have been, are quite enough to prove that Christianity is fitted and destined to subdue the whole world to its beneficent rule. Faith takes new courage at the sight of these fresh conquests and learns again the lesson that there is required the whole love and energy in the simple story of the cross of our blessed Saviour. We would recommend this Association to continue her connection with the Alabama Baptist State Convention and co-operate with the Mission Board of that body.

N. F. Adams, Chairman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Bailey Bruce	Brandon Station	Alabama.
John Roberts	Valley Head	"
W. H. Lackey	Porterville	"
A. A. Jolly	Porterville	"
J. B. Appleton	Collinsville	"
Wm. Drew	Collinsville	"
N. F. Adams	Collinsville	"
J. A. Reeves	Greenwood	"
J. H. Horton	Greenwood	"
E. P. Burroughs	South Hill	"
J. B. Wilbanks	South Hill	"
H. H. Kirby	Mahan	"
H. R. Culberson	Gadsden	"
W. J. Hodgens	Whiton	"
J. B. Morris	Loveless	"
A. N. Mince	Lebanon	"
J. L. Pace	Lebanon	"
V. H. Dean	Gadsden	"

LICENTIATES.

Jas. Panter	Valley Head	Alabama.
M. C. Henegar	Valley Head	"
John W. Higgins	Valley Head	"
E. J. Bobo	Collinsville	"
C. W. Gray	Collinsville	"
B. S. Mitchell	Whiton	"
A. Sanders	Whiton	"
T. P. Gallaway	Whiton	"
J. H. Taylor	South Hill	"
J. E. Fields	South Hill	"
D. S. Gregg	South Hill	"
Luke Gwin	Greenwood	"
A. J. Harp	Collinsville	"

PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, are convinced, from a series of experiences, of the necessity of a combination of churches, and maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of a Christian union among all the churches of the same faith and order, and, as we are convinced that there are a number of Baptist churches who differ from us in faith and practice, and that it is impossible to have communion where there is no union, we think it our duty to set forth a concise declaration of the faith and order upon which we intend to associate, which is as follows, viz:

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the Cherokee Baptist Association.

2. The objects of this Association are to promote union among the children of God, their growth in grace, the salvation of sinners and the glory of God; for effecting all of which they are authorized to adopt the arrangements they judge proper; *provided*, such arrangements are in accordance with the intention of the union as expressed in the preamble, and directed by the Word of God.

3. The Association shall be composed of brethren, chosen by the churches in union which they represent who shall produce certificates of their appointment, together with a statement of the members in their respective churches—of those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, during the year, with the whole number in fellowship.

4. Each church shall have the liberty of sending two delegates for the first fifty, and one for every fifty or fraction over.

5 The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, (last shall be Treasurer) who shall be chosen by ballot out of the members present, and who shall continue in office until a new election shall be made.

6. After the reading of the letters from the churches, enrolling the names of the delegates and minuting the state of each church, the Constitution, Declaration of Faith and By-Laws shall be read. The door shall then be opened for the admission of other churches into the union. If any such shall present themselves by letter or delegates, they shall, on satisfactory evidence of their regular formation, faith and practice, be received into fellowship upon the principles of the Constitution, by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

7. After reading the Constitution, Declaration of Faith and By-Laws, and the reception of other churches, if any apply, then the Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen.

8. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and call to its observance at any time. He shall have the privilege of leaving his seat, upon putting one in his place, and of engaging in debate.

9. The Clerk shall minute the proceedings of the Association, prepare them for the press, keep a file of the printed minutes present them at each session for use of the Association, and deliver them to his successor. He shall also take charge of the money and property of the Association, and dispose of them as the body shall direct.

10. In the decision of any point the majority of votes shall determine the point.

11. The Association shall recognize the entire independence of the churches as to any other head than Christ. The Association shall not assume any power over them in relation to their internal concerns, but shall aid them in any consistent manner. The Association will receive and act upon any question that may be sent up by the churches, and attend to any case of difficulty among them which they cannot satisfactorily settle among themselves.

12. Each member of the Association will be expected to be in his place at the hour of meeting on the first and each succeeding day of the session, and remain until the dismission of the body.

13. As the object of this union is to promote brotherly love, the edification of Christians, the conversion of sinners and the glory of God, it shall be its privilege and duty to hold affectionate correspondence with other Associations, and to embrace every opportunity of doing good unto all men, and especially to them that are of the household of faith, as in their judgment may seem proper.

14. This Association shall adjourn to any time and place they may determine upon.

15. The churches of this Association shall send up yearly by their messengers a reasonable contribution for the printing of the Minutes, which business shall be confided to some discreet person, who shall have it in charge to superintend the printing and distribution to the Associations with whom correspondence is maintained, and to the churches in fellowship.

16. As this Association is a voluntary connection, each church in it shall have the liberty of withdrawing, upon a request, setting forth its reasons for such a step—at the same time, itself, be bound to bear and weigh any reasons that may be urged against its withdrawal before its final separation.

17. The Association shall have the privilege of withdrawing its connection with any church in the union which shall become disorderly, after consistent efforts have been made in vain to reclaim her from errors.

18. No alteration shall be made in the Constitution, or in the Declaration of Faith and Practice herein after set forth, except such alteration shall be passed a year previous upon the Minutes and the views of the churches obtained; when, if a majority of the churches and two-thirds of the Association shall approve of ti, the alteration shall be made.

BY-LAWS.

1. Preparatory to the organization of the Association, an Introductory Sermon shall be preached by a member appointed at the previous session, and another shall be named at the same time to perform the duty, in case of the failure of the first.

2. This service being performed, the Moderator, or, if he is absent, the oldest minister present shall open the Association by prayer.

3. He shall call for letters from the churches, when the delegates shall present them, and take their seats in order.

4. When the Association is regularly organized, as prescribed in the Constitution, the correspondence with other Associations shall be called for, the letters read and messengers received by the right hand of fellowship from the

Moderator. These messengers shall be invited to sets in the Association and accorded the privilege of speaking on any subject before the body, but not of voting on any. Other visiting brethren may be invited to seats with the same privilege and prohibition.

5. The Minutes of the last Association shall be read, and shall form the order of business for the session. A change may, however, be made in this order upon a special motion.

6. Subjects not embraced in the last Minutes may, at the discretion of the Association, be taken up at any time when there is no business directly before the body.

7. Any subject not contained in the Minutes must be regularly brought forward by motion, which shall be seconded before it can be taken up. After this it shall be considered as properly at the disposal of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

8. No one shall speak oftener than three times on the same subject, except permitted by the Association. The speaker shall always rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

9. Silence and decorum shall be observed by every member of the Association while the body is in session, and more especially in the time of debate. All personal reflections and remarks tending to wound the feelings of brethren shall be strictly avoided.

10. No member of the Association shall leave the house while the Association is in session, without leave from the Moderator.

11. In order to expedite business, committees shall be raised at the discretion of the Association, who shall be named by the Moderator.

12. The meeting of the Association shall, on each day of the session, be opened and closed with prayer.

13. The Minutes of each day shall be read at its close and the opening of business, after prayer each succeeding day, when the names of the delegates shall be called; and the whole Minutes of the session shall be read at its close and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

14. Any alteration in these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Association by two-thirds of the members present.

DECLARATION OF FAITH AND PRACTICE.

ARTICLE I. We believe that there are three that bear record in Heaven; the Father, Word and Holy Ghost; and that these three are one, the only living and true God, the Creator and Preserver of all men of the universe.—1 John 5:7; 1 Tim. 2:5; Proverbs 26:4.

II. We believe the Word was made flesh in the person of the man named Christ Jesus, who is God over all, and blessed for evermore,—John 1:14; 1 Timothy 2:5; Romans 9:9.

III. That all Scripture, as contained in the Holy Bible, is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for correction, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.—2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20, 21.

IV. That the law and the testimony as set forth in the Scriptures is the only rule of faith and practice to Christians in their spiritual concerns, and in their conduct as individuals and as members of the churches.—Isaiah 8:20.

V. That Adam, the natural head and representative of all mankind, fell from his state of original purity, and that by his disobedience all his posterity are made sinners.—Genesis 3; Romans 5:12, 19.

VI. That by the obedience of Christ alone sinners are restored to the favor

of God, and through his unmerited mercy receive regeneration, pardon, justification, sanctification and glorification.—Romans 5:19, 21; 8:29, 30; John 3:16.

VII. That these blessings are communicated by that Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven, so that those who are saved are saved by grace, through faith, and that not of themselves, not of works lest any man should boast; not by works of righteousness which they have done, but by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.—1 Peter 1:12; Ephesians 2:8 9; Titus 3:5.

VIII. That God works all things after the counsel of his own will; foreknown unto Him are all his works from the beginning; and that, of course, all that the Father hath given to Christ shall come to Him, and that He will raise them up at the last day, so that his sheep will hear his voice, shall never perish, become dead to the world and sin, be made alive to God, and shall, when He who is their life shall appear, appear with him in glory.—Ephesians 1:2; Acts 15:18; John 6:39; 10:28, 29; Colossians 3:3, 4.

IX. We believe that believers should obey the commandments of Christ, and maintain good works for necessary uses.—John 14:15; Titus 3:14.

X. That sinners of the vilest character may obtain salvation through Christ, without money and without price.—Isaiah 1:18–55; John 3:16.

XI. That there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, according to the decision of which the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous to life eternal.—Daniel 12.2; John 5:28, 29; Revelations 20:12, 13; Matthew 25:30, and to the end.

XII. That God has instituted a church on earth, existing in distinct bodies, the only scriptural members of which are the faithful in Jesus Christ, called to be saints, who are immersed in water in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another in the church relation by the will of God and their voluntary compact.—Matthew 18:18; Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 1:2; Romans 6:3, 4; Colossians 2:12; 2 Corinthians 8:5; Acts 1:14; 21:41, 42, 47.

XIII. That each church of Jesus Christ is independent of all authority but that of her Head; and that she has under Him the exclusive power of managing all her concerns, of judging of the qualifications of her own members for the offices they are to fill, and of choosing her own officers in conformity with the direction of the Word of God.—Matthew 14:18; 2 Thessalonians 2:11; 1 Corinthians 14:29–31; Acts 14:23 (see original); Phil. 1:5.

XIV. That the officers of the churches are pastors and deacons only.—1 Timothy 3.

XV. That scriptural baptism is an ordinance of the Gospel and consists in immersing the body of a disciple of the Lord Jesus in water, upon a profession of faith in Christ.—Matthew 18:19; Mark 16:16; John 4:1, 2; Acts 2:41; 8:12, 37, 38; 10:47, 48; Romans 6:3, 4; Colossians 2:12.

XVI. That the Lord's Supper is a standing ordinance in the Church of Christ, consisting in a believing participation of bread and wine, to be observed in commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ, and to show forth his death until he come the second time.—Matthew 16:28, 27, 26; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25.

STATEMENT OF THE CHURCHES.

	CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	PASTORS.	Sab. of Meeting.	Baptized.	Rec'ved by Letter	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total Membership	Assoc'nal Miss'ns.	Foreign Missions.	Minute Fund.
1	Mt. Zion	DeKalb	Valley Head	Not represented									38	$	$ ..	$ ...
2	Ebenezer	"	Valley Mines	W. Chitwood	J. G. Denton	..	....	9	....	1	..	..	45	.....	...	1 05
3	Little River	"	Valley Head	John Crow	A. N. Mince	1	2	1	16	1	..	..	48	.....	....	60
4	Unity	"		G. R. Taylor	J. J. Beeson	2	....	8	....	..	..	..	34	.....	....	85
5	Gravel Hill	"	Brandon Station	D. D. Hughs	E. B. Hannah	4	2	3	10	..	..	..	45	18 00	....	2 10
6	Flat Rock	"	Lebanon		A. N. Mince	..	2	3	2	..	..	..	53	.. ..	....	2 15
7	Sulphur Springs	"	Smith's, Ga			..	..	....	....	..	..	..	28	.....	....	.....
* 8	Harmony Grove	"	Valley Head	W. F. Crow	John Heggens	..	2	....	....	..	..	..	25	.....	....	1 00
9	Mt. Vernon	"	Loveless	W. C. Loveless	J. C. Morris	3	...	8	28	..	..	1	100	25	75	1 10
10	Pleasant Grove	"	Collinsville	T. N. Appleton	E. B. Hannah	3	9	4	2	..	..	..	85	4 75	....	1 55
11	Black Creek	Etowah	Greenwood	M. H. Milford	J. B. Appleton	4	7	6	3	..	..	1	106	.....	....	1 00
12	Liberty Hill	DeKalb	Collinsville	A. B. Tidmore	" "	2	4	5	6	..	..	..	108	2 85	.. ..	85
13	Fairview	Etowah	Gadsden	J. M. Nelms	H. R. Culberson	1	14	4	1	1	2	1	143	.....	....	1 55
14	Mt. Carmel	"	"	W. H. Lovins	H. E. Harris	2	14	15	....	1	1	1	72	4 35	...	1 80
15	Pleasant Valley, No. 1	"	Attalla	P. M. Curry	J. H. May	..	36	12	....	..	3	..	124	.....	....	1 70
16	Pleasant Valley, No. 2	DeKalb	Collinsville	G. H Brock	W. H. Lackey	..	11	9	17	3	4	..	79	.....	....	1 15
17	Bethany	Etowah	Gadsden	H. M. Brock	M. A. Cornelius	4	1	4	4	..	..	..	74	.....	....	2 50
18	Union	"	Duck Springs	J. P. Stephens	H. R. Culberson	2	13	3	4	3	1	5	151	.....	....	2 60
19	Providence	DeKalb	Collinsville	G. Newman	E. B. Hannah	1	16	3	1	1	4	..	76	.....	....	1 00
20	Kinkia	Etowah	Duck Springs	A. T. Horton	J. H. Horton	..	1	8	8	..	1	..	64	.....	....	1 40
21	Cave Springs	"	Attalla	E. N. Haynie	" "	..	17	2	1	3	1	..	71	.. ...	...	1 30
22	Macedonia	DeKalb	Geraldine	G. Gober	J. G. Denton	1	....	4	8	1	..	..	47	1 00	....	1 00
23	New Canaan	"	Whiton	T. P. Gallaway	W. J. Hodgens	3	15	2	4	2	1	..	90	3 20	....	1 20
24	New Harmony	"	"	B. F. Masters	" "	4	...	1	...	4	..	..	69	.....	....	1 50
25	Mt. Pleasant	"	South Hill	H. W. Sargent	J. B. Wilbanks	3	5	8	8	..	..	..	33	12 00	...	1 40
26	Beulah	"	Ten Broeck		" "	2	6	2	2	3	..	..	28	1 85	....	75
27	Mt. Pisgah	"		T. H. Steel	G. W. Morris	2	3	5	5	..	1	..	32	45	..	70
28	Antioch*					..	....	....	....	..	..	..	21	.....	....	.....
29	Holly Springs	DeKalb	Valley Head	L. W. Ellison	J. A. Richards	3	....	16	....	..	..	..	26	.....	....	85
30	Shady Grove	"	Collinsville	J. W. Barkly	W. H. Lackey	2	....	8	....	..	..	..	25	.....	....	1 00
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